

Southeast Subcommittee

Meeting Notes Tuesday, August 30, 2005

Larry Snapp – responsible for remodeling chamber offices
Mike S. – When Oak Road was closed due to bridge construction.
Julie – riding bikes with family
Robert – Cool Creek park programs
Jim – Nationally recognized for tree protection for Brookside.
Steve H. – Historic Society purchased Historic home
Steve W. – Knowledge gained through Economic Development Lunches
Alyn – Bridgewater is positive – Westfield Park Dev./Monon and other trails positive.
Mic – Coming back to Acorn Farms and purchasing the place (went there as camper/counselor as child/youth).

Weaknesses

- NE corner of 31 and 161st Street is GB, not LB or GO
- No tax revenue from Village Park Plaza
- No downtown identify
- Lack of coherent planning – always reactive
- Overuse of PUD
- Underground gas pipelines
- Hamilton Square/Valley Farms Apartments
- Limited amount of developmental ground
- US 31 Highway project
- Habig Fields not owned by the city
- Lack of trail connectivity
- Lack of bathroom at parks – Simon Moon/Asa Bales
- Utility department
- High taxes

Threats

- Potential loss of Habig Fields
- Traffic jams – 32
- Development of green space
- Gangs – increased crime
- High density housing
- Increased traffic on 161st Street
- US 31 Highway project
- High taxes
- Using PUD to accommodate poor planning
- US 31
- Excessive residential development strains school system

Strengths

- Cook Creek Park
- Bridgewater
- Natalie Wheeler Trail

- Acorn Farms
- Simon Moon Park
- Accessibility to Indy
- Cool Creek Commons
- History along Union Street
- Currently developing to higher standards
- Cook Creek Park/161 Union/Simon Moon
- Natalie Wheeler Trail/Sidewalks
- Habig Fields
- Historic homes
- Close proximity to shopping
- Green space/trees/terrain
- High end housing developments
- Carey Ridge School (and all)
- US 31/146th/32 Highways
- Midland Trace trail possibility
- Golf Course

Opportunities

- Midland Trail
- Redevelop downtown into a destination
- Connecting SE quadrant to existing trails
- Use existing natural features to enhance development
- Widen one-lane bridges with wooden bridges and trails to maintain country feel
- Include bike lanes with any road improvements
- Create historical museum
- Midland Trail/Monon
- Utility Department park/ponds at Simon Moon
- Quality/Appropriate Development 161st/31 and all corridors
- Permanent youth field at Habig Fields
- Redevelopment of 32 in downtown
- Keep green space/pipeline
- US 31
- More low-density residential